

CITY HALL NEWS.

Ex-Councilman Montgomery Has New Fire Escape Law.

Would Put Hand Grips in the Walls.

HORN IS IN CUBA.

Writes That He Is Having a Good Time.

J. W. Woodford Is Dr. D. M. Campbell's Assistant.

A new fire escape has been suggested by former Councilman E. Montgomery and it has been most heartily approved by Fire Marshal Wilmarth. Assistant City Engineer Arnold is now drawing up the plans for the new escape and it will be issued to the fire department for final approval as soon as it is finished. It is an altogether new arrangement and is different than anything ever attempted along this line. It is not only practical and safe but it is cheap and a building like the National hotel could be fitted and equipped with every detail at a cost of less than \$1,000. The idea suggested by Mr. Montgomery is to have a hand grip every window on the hotel about three feet from the top of the window. Just below the window would be an iron rod running along the side of the building. This rod would be used as a hand rail. Below this hand rail would be a running board. It would be constructed of iron and the footboard itself would be in the form of a "Y" for strength. It would be inserted on a running rod supported by a bracket. This running board would be about four inches in width and would extend out eight inches from the wall. A person who desired to escape from a burning building could swing himself out on the hand grips which would be a very easy task on account of the nearness of them and he would then let himself down on the running board just above the window in the next story below. He would have the hand rail to take as a grip and in this situation he could walk clear around the building if necessary or at least until he came to the nearest fire escape and then climb down to the ground. If the fire cut him off from all fire escapes he could crouch down on the foot board and hand holds and there would be safe from the flames until the firemen could reach him. The plan is a very simple one and would cost little money. Chief Wilmarth is very much pleased with the idea and is anxious to see the technical plans when they are finished.

One of the first effects of the new fire escape law was found last evening when the management of the Novelty theater asked permission from the fire marshal to construct a stairway from the gallery floor to the ground on Quincy street. The stairway is to be fire proof and will be a very advantageous escape in case of fire. It will be useful at any time, allowing the people in the galleries to leave the building without going through the lobby and swelling the crowds. The Novelty is also constructing a double door at the stage entrance in order to cut out the light that is thrown on the stage when the door is opened during a performance.

Four boys are the result of a brain storm on the part of the Topeka physicians who actually remembered to send in the day's birth report to the city physician. The lucky parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Fozz of North Topeka, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hickox, 515 Van Buren, Mr. and Mrs. John Lowry, East Twenty-first street, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hall, 722 Jefferson.

The claims and accounts committee of the city council is meeting this

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afternoon in the committee room of the city hall. The streets and walks committee meet tonight at 7 o'clock and Monday evening the regular monthly meeting of the city council takes place in the council chamber. This will be the first meeting of February and there will be many important issues to come before the honorable body. The voting machine proposition and the election trouble will be sifted to the end.

Councilman C. W. Horn, who was granted a leave of absence the first of the month in order to take a trip south and spend the winter among the palms and "balm," has arrived in Cuba and has written a letter to the State Journal telling of his experiences in Havana. He still has that municipal instinct with him because all the way through the letter he mentions the narrow street and sidewalks and the manner in which the city is controlled. He says that the streets in Havana are only 12 feet wide at the most and some of the sidewalks are but 14 inches wide. Everybody walks single file and Mr. Horn can't decide whether his wife should go first or whether he should take the lead and have her "tag along behind." Mr. Horn says he will be glad to get back to Topeka (when the weather is warm) and feel free on her wide streets and sidewalks—streets that are never too narrow unless it is for the police characters—and they are privileged.

On account of the extreme cold today practically all of the offices on the west side of the city building have been moved temporarily to the east side in the sun-lighted rooms and away from the wind. The gas pressure is low at the city hall again and the city officials are the ones to suffer. Since this condition of affairs it is expected that the "gas" councilman from the Sixth ward (checked trousers, white vest and all) will start another bunch of fireworks at the next council meeting. It will make business pick up if he does and if the city hall has to stand many more freezeouts it will be barely possible that the councilman-general-stleman will have a supporter or two.

Since the legislature has passed so favorably upon the commission laws as drawn up by the first-class cities of the state the chances for the commission form of government in Topeka have been increased and today Mayor William Green is encouraged over the prospects. He said this morning that if the people of the city so desire, the commission form of government can be effected in April the mayor and commissioners would be a reality. At first it was thought that it would be a year before the new system could come into effect but at a quick form of action on the part of the people the new laws will start another bunch of fireworks at the next council meeting. It will make business pick up if he does and if the city hall has to stand many more freezeouts it will be barely possible that the councilman-general-stleman will have a supporter or two.

Dr. D. M. Campbell has at last received the assistance that he petitioned the council for so long ago and he is now at duty in the office at the city hall. J. W. Woodford is the man to receive the position and he is the office man for the milk inspection work. He tests the milk and takes samples besides doing the regular office routine work. He also attends to the wants, knocks, and answers of the milk men who would have nothing to do with the milk inspection department if they did not bring the trouble on their own heads. Dr. Campbell spends his days in the field and around the country inspecting the dairies, the creameries and the dealers in milk. This now makes the milk inspection department of the city in excellent running order and makes it possible for active systematic work on the part of the men in charge.

The tuberculosis exhibit has aroused the city officials to the importance of the expectation (splitting) ordinance and the city officers at the police station will be informed to make a more thorough watch for the violators of the act. Spitting in street cars, public buildings and on sidewalks is strictly forbidden and the tuberculosis scare (even though it is being instigated by the doctors) is making the prevention a more important factor. The city car company used to keep their nonsmoking signs in the front of the car in plain sight but in the last few years they have removed them and naturally the bad habit has grown upon the people again. Another thing the street car company should do—they should clean out the window vats in their cars. The cavity where the window slides down in order to make a summer car out of the closed cars is a regular spittoon and waste basket combined. A look down into one of these holes will disclose a mass of dirt and trash—and spit. These trash holes in the street cars would be a good place for a germ inspection—except the city officers would not exist—except the healthy ones—could be found in these places. The city health department should get busy and investigate this deathly thing. There is another habit that needs a little remedy in the form of a threat. Merchants along Kansas avenue who have in their employ men who work at 9 o'clock in the morning should buy them an alarm clock or give them different orders. There is a disgusting habit of clerks sweeping off the sidewalks and throwing dirt and dirt up into the faces of passersby. This is a very important about their "ten-a-week" jobs that they never take time to consider. These clerks wish to work in their class they had better join the "white-wings" but when they insist on throwing germs laden dirt into the faces of pedestrians they should get a little touch of the law. These are just a few of the things that need reforming. Another list will be given when this hammer grows rusty.

One city official said this morning: "I don't believe the city should raise such a howl about the fire escape. I don't provide their own building with the proper appliances. There are the iron bars in the walls of this building for fire escapes but there are no ropes." The above tells a story of its own. But the extreme length of the city hall should be enough safety for the occupants. It would take two hours for a fire to burn from one end of the building to the other. And then the headquarters of the fire department are right in the building. It would be an everlasting disgrace for the fire department to lose their own quarters by fire.

FOR A MATCH MARCH 17.
Battling Nelson and Packey McFarland Have Pacific Coast Date Set.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—Reports from the Pacific coast say that Battling Nelson and Packey McFarland will be matched for a contest on March 17. McFarland's return east will be postponed for a few days, pending the latest negotiations.

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SCHOOLS HAVE INNING.

Dr. Sanders and Others Speak at Tuberculosis Exhibit.

The schools and colleges had their chance at the tuberculosis exhibit this afternoon. Dr. Frank Knight Sanders, president of Washburn college, acted as chairman and the symposium, "The study of hygiene and sanitation in schools and colleges with special reference to prevention of tuberculosis," was discussed fully. Although the midyear examinations are going on out at Washburn and the students are crowded for time, a large number of them are at the exhibit this afternoon learning of the dreaded tuberculosis and its effects and defects. Dr. W. S. Sunday, dean of the Kansas Medical college, also spoke, and he was followed by Prof. H. L. Miller of the high school, and Dean Kaye of Grace cathedral and of Bethany college. Representatives from Washburn, Bethany and the high school are included in the audience at the exhibit this afternoon.

This evening at 7:30 Director W. L. Cosper will give another stereoscopic talk and he will be followed by papers from five doctors of the city. The subject, "Importance of early recognition and proper treatment of tuberculosis," will be discussed under the chairmanship of Dr. C. A. McGuire and Drs. S. A. Greenfield, Seth Hammett, W. A. S. Andrews and Dr. W. S. Sunday.

The programme for Saturday afternoon and evening is as follows:
7:30—Symposium, "What Shall the Women Do in the Anti-Tuberculosis Crusade?" chairman, Dr. Ida C. Barnes; Dr. Dorothy Nicol, Mrs. Eustice Brown, president Kansas Federation of Women's clubs, Mrs. Margaret Hill McCarter, Mrs. H. O. Garvey.

7:30—Stereoscopic talk by Mr. W. L. Cosper, director.
8:00—Symposium, "The Negro Race and Tuberculosis." Special night for the colored people. Dr. W. E. Jackson, Dr. O. A. Taylor, Prof. F. E. Clinkscales, Rev. J. E. Edwards, Rev. J. C. Nicholson, Dr. J. M. Jamison, Dr. T. P. Martin.

NEW JESUIT WEEKLY.

Will Start With Hundreds of Prominent Contributors.

New York, Jan. 29.—A new Jesuit weekly review in magazine form is soon to be printed in New York. Prominent Jesuits have the movement well under way and already offices have been opened in the historic old Hicks Lord mansion in Washington, D. C., where the review will be modeled along lines of the Tablet, the leading Roman Catholic organ of Great Britain, the new publication will be in charge of the Rev. John J. Wynne, a Jesuit scholar and one of the ablest of the Catholic press. For two years plans for the review have been under consideration and it has been sanctioned by the hierarchy. The publication is not intended as a strictly official organ of the Catholic church, but it will be representative of the Catholic point of view both in spiritual and temporal affairs.

More than 500 prominent persons throughout the world will contribute to the publication and arrangements have already been made for opening bureaus in the capitals of Europe.

The Jesuits selected recently at a convention of the Jesuit order in St. Louis. The first of the staff to reach here will be the Rev. John J. Wynne.

JOY WORK

And the Other Kind.

Did you ever stand on a prominent corner at an early morning hour and watch the throng of people on their way to work? Noting the number who were forcing themselves along because it meant their daily bread, and the others cheerfully and eagerly pursuing their way because of love of their work.

It is a fact that one's food has much to do with it. As an example: If an engine has poor oil, or a boiler is fired with poor coal, a bad result is certain, isn't it?

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Storm of Wind, Snow, Hail and Sleet Headed for the Atlantic.

Washington, Jan. 29.—In the grasp of a storm that is sweeping eastward, with increasing severity and extent is almost the entire country this side of the eastern Rocky Mountain slope. Rain, snow and sleet are falling and high winds and gales blowing in all these states and shipping on the Atlantic coast, all the way from New York to Jacksonville and along the Mexican gulf coast has been warned of the advancing storm. A cold snap is in the wake of the storm.

ARGUMENTS BEGIN.

Attorneys in Yeager-Alkman Contest Heard in Senate.

Under special orders, the senate this afternoon listened to arguments of counsel in the Yeager-Alkman contest case, on the Staveland resolution. Major Harvey appeared as attorney for N. A. Yeager, and John Dawson, private secretary to the governor, represented Judge Alkman.

Major Harvey spoke of the statutory provision relating to procedure in contest cases. He insisted that Mr. Yeager has proceeded according to the law. He also argued that it was not proper for the senate to decide before it had heard or considered testimony or allegations, that the allegations were not sufficiently explicit for the contestee to answer. "What would you think of a court," he asked "that would take up a case before the defendant has appeared, and declare that the allegations were not specific enough to give the defendant an opportunity to answer?"

He cited decisions of various courts relative to nature of testimony and charges necessary in election contests. Major Harvey declared his client charged errors in counting of ballots and that the statement filed by Mr. Yeager is all that is necessary as the statement of contest refers to errors in counting.

Mr. Dawson will follow with an argument opposing the propositions advanced by Major Harvey.

Senator Hawley presented a petition signed by C. W. Mays and others of Edgerton, Kan., protesting against increasing the salaries of state officers.

"We the undersigned citizens and taxpayers of Johnson county, Kansas, looking with alarm at the reckless appropriation of the people's money by the legislative departments of the government both national and state do hereby remonstrate against all such wholesale expenditures and especially in the increase in salaries of state and other officers and especially the proposed increase of the salary of the secretary of the state board of agriculture from \$2,500 to \$5,000."

On motion of Senator Cambren, the rules were suspended and the banking committee's substitute bill for S. B. No. 84 was placed on second reading. This bill amends certain sections of the state general banking bill.

BUG MEN TO MEET.

Convention Called to Consider the Brown-Tail Moth.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 29.—Prof. John B. Smith, New Jersey state entomologist, has called for the leading entomologists of this state, New York, Pennsylvania and New England to meet in New York city on Tuesday next to consider the invasion of the so-called brown-tail moth in the United States.

The moth has been found in the cocoons in Jersey stock imported from France this winter as has heretofore been mentioned. The moth is sometimes called the "nettle bug" from the fact that it shoots small spines from its body while flying which irritate the skin. It also does damage to shrubbery and trees.

KIDNAPED BY SAILORS.

Girl Seventeen Years Old Reported Taken Away to Sea.

New York, Jan. 29.—Samuel Feldman, a restaurant keeper, has reported to the police that his 17-year-old daughter Hattie has disappeared and that in his opinion she was kidnapped by sailors and taken to sea. Feldman's restaurant is on the water front and the girl was last seen when she was sent to a nearby bakery to procure pastry which Feldman sells to seafaring men.

Gans-Erne Bout Called Off.
Baltimore, Jan. 29.—The proposed six-round bout between Joe Gans and Young Erne, scheduled at Philadelphia for February 10, has been called off owing to the illness of Gans, who has neuritis of the heart and has not been out of his room for nearly a week.

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Canned Apples, good quality, per can 12c
Canned Peaches, 25c value per can 15c
Apples, fancy Jonathans, pk 40c
Fancy Corn, highest grade, 2 cans 23c
Doe 1.31
Standard Corn, 2 cans 15c; per doz 85c
Tomatoes, regular size cans 10c; doz 95c
Coffee, extra fancy Rio lb 1.15c
Tea, Gunpowder 40c grade 1.20c
Pickles, large dill or sour, doz 1.15c
Ginger Snaps, fresh and good, lb 5c
Kansas Coal Oil, gal 1.15c
Best Gasoline, gal 1.15c
Sugar, 20 lb, best granulated 1.00c
Fancy Table Syrup, 10 lb, can 33c
Navy Beans, Michigan hand picked, 11 lbs 50c

Chasing a Wayward Hat.

It's an ill wind that blows nobody good and today's exaggerated breeze was the means of a big block of fun for some grown up children and passersby along Kansas avenue at the noon hour today.

About every ten minutes a man, were he hot or lean, just so he were kindly hearted and mindful of his fellow men could be seen to throw on the high speed and pursue a wind blown fedora, starting at the Central National bank on the corner of Seventh street and run down the slippery Seventh to the alley where the wind was broken by the buildings and the runaway hat captured and returned to the supposed owner.

A real accident started the fun and then the joke suggested itself and the old hat was thrown into the wind from the west side of Kansas avenue and a kind fat man on the other side saw it coming and chased it down Seventh until it stopped, when he returned it to the supposed owner, who with the bystanders had enjoyed the fun behind his back. After effort on the part of the unfortunate hatless man the brave rescuer went his way down the street happy with the thought of doing a kindness and the hat was thrown as a bait for another chase. For an hour the bait was bitten to the great joy of those who were "on."

It was an awful thing to do to the benevolently minded passersby hurrying to dinner, but the sport was worth the sting of conscience.

New York Money Market.
New York, Jan. 29.—Money on call steady, 13/16 cent; ruling rate 2 closing bid 1 1/2 per cent, offered at 2 Time loans, heavy; 90 days, 3 1/4 per cent, and 30 days, 2 1/2 per cent; six months, 3 per cent.

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BONDS—Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.
Cotton Market.
New York, Jan. 29.—COTTON—Spot closed quiet, 15 points lower; middling uplands, 39.55; middling gulf, \$10.05. Sales, 1,500 bales.

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TOO FAINT HEARTED.
The Rev. J. M. Dorney Tells Civil Service Applicants They Lack Nerve.
Chicago, Jan. 29.—Rev. J. M. Dorney in a communication to the United States Civil Service Retirement association in session here to formulate a demand for larger salaries and a pension system, recommended a "nerve tonic" as a recipe for success.
"There is no difficulty in the way, but your own faint-heartedness," he says, "the reason you do not get high enough salaries is that you lack the nerve to go after the things you deserve."

APPLES 60 CENTS EACH

Strawberries Bring 80 Cents a Quart in Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—All fruit here is up in price. One box of apples, a prize package from Spokane, Wash., has sold at the rate of sixty cents per apple and it is expected that the common product will go to twenty cents apiece. Strawberries bring about two cents apiece or eighty cents a bushel. Oranges, too, it is reported, are kicking the beam at from fifty to seventy-five cents a dozen.

LACKS THREE VOTES.

Senator Stephenson of Wisconsin Again Falls of Re-election.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 29.—Isaac Stephenson again failed of election to the United States senate today. He received 63 votes, 66 being necessary for election.

TAFT NEARING COLON.

Cruiser North Carolina Was Sighted at 9 O'clock.

Colon, Jan. 29.—The cruiser North Carolina with William H. Taft on board was sighted off this port at 9 o'clock this morning. She is coming on rapidly and will anchor at about 1.

The funeral of Fredrick Morgan, who died at the home of his parents, one mile east of the city, Thursday of pneumonia has been postponed on account of the weather conditions and will be held Saturday morning at 10:30.

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House Considering Right of Wire Strangers to Cut Them.

The house went into committee of the whole this afternoon to consider bills under general orders. The bill by Morgan of Reno to protect trees from depredation and destruction by telephone and telegraph companies